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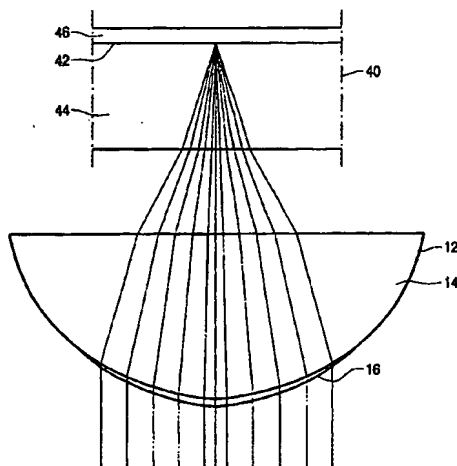
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(57) Abstract: An optical scanning device including an optical element (12) having at least two portions, including a body portion (14) having relatively low birefringence and a wavefront aberration generating portion (16) having a relatively high birefringence, the body portion having an attachment surface on which the wavefront aberration generating portion is formed. The wavefront aberration generating portion (16) has a first surface facing the body portion and a second surface facing away from the body portion, the first and second surfaces being of a different shape so that the thickness of the wavefront aberration generating portion, measured parallel to the optical axis, varies along a direction perpendicular to the optical axis. The thickness of the wavefront aberration generating portion at the optical axis is less than half the thickness of the body portion at said optical axis.

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